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NEWS

Deadlines near for nominations for town offices

To take out nomination papers to run for an office of town government, potential candidates must act fast. Seats on the School Committee and on Town Meeting, among others, are open. See page 2A.

COMING EVENTS

World Dance Workshop, a multi-cultural event for seven- to ten-year-old children and their adult companions, will feature the arts and cultures of Asian, African and European peoples in three weekend workshops in January. A workshop on "Tribal Rhythms" from the Cooperative Artists Institute in Jamaica Plain will be featured, as well as the Jo Ha Kyu Performance Group from Cambridge and the New Choreographers Forum of Arlington. See page 6B.

SPORTS



Youth Hockey

Dan Costa of Arlington Youth hockey team breaks down ice during a holiday tourney at sports center. For more sports, please see page 1B. (Todd Magliozzi photo.)



ARLINGTON FOOD PANTRY

Where: Church of Our Savior
21 Marathon Street
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Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
every second Tuesday
and the last Saturday
of every month

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CRASH AND SMASH



ADVOCATE PHOTO BY DAVID PLUMMER

The 1992 Subaru driven by a Lexington man, as seen from the inside of the Arlington Fuel Oil storefront on Broadway. The Subaru collided with an Arlington driver's 1992 Chevrolet at the intersection of Tufts Street and Broadway. The drivers were reported to have minor injuries. The cars and the storefront sustained major damage.

Two-car collision at local intersection

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

One car smashed through a glass door at an East Arlington, business and another ran into a parked van as a result of a multiple-vehicle accident last week, according to police.

A Medford Street woman who was involved in the accident was later treated for minor injuries sustained during the accident, police said.

According to police, no citations for the accident have been issued.

Anna Laguidice, 77, of Medford Street was driving across Broadway at Tufts Street when her 1992 Chevrolet was struck by another car, a 1992 Subaru driven by Peter Massimilla of Lexington.

Massimilla's car then smashed through the front glass door of Arlington Fuel Oil on Broadway, while Laguidice's automobile hit

an Arlington Fuel Oil van parked on the curb outside of the store.

Significant damage was done to both cars, police said, but no exact dollar amounts were available.

According to Bonnie Campbell, wife of Paul Campbell, the owner of Arlington Fuel Oil, the accident took her by surprise.

"I heard the crash. I saw the car coming and I headed for the back," she said. "I thought someone had been killed because

there's so much foot-traffic here."

No serious injuries appear to have resulted from the accident, although Laguidice was treated for some chest and neck injuries. She was released the same day, police said.

No one else was in the store when the accident occurred.

"We had no employees here," said Paul Campbell. "They were all out, and my wife was the only one here."

Patricia Worden to bow out

Won't seek new term on school committee

By Dave Denison
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Longtime School Committee member Patricia Worden announced Monday she would not seek reelection this spring.

Worden released a statement saying she was "disappointed in the apparent motivation and calibre of recent candidates for the school committee." She encouraged "well-motivated citizens" to act quickly to take out nomination papers to run for her seat. The nomination deadline for the March 6 election is Jan. 14.

School committee members reached this week expressed surprise upon hearing of Worden's announcement. "I never gave it a thought that she wouldn't run again," said Carolyn Simmons, a frequent ally of Worden on the committee. "I think she will be sorely missed."

"She was a totally dedicated School Committee member — dedicated to the kids," said committee chairman William Carey. "I was proud to sit with her."

Worden has served 14 years on the



Patricia Worden

committee.

In an interview Monday, Worden declined to make specific criticisms of the committee or its members. "I have found lacking (on the committee) an interest in the welfare of children," she said. But when pressed to elaborate, she said, "it would not be in good taste to go into that."

Worden conceded that she has been in the minority on many votes taken by the nine-member committee and that it has led her to question how much she would be able to accomplish with the present balance of power. "I don't enjoy losing the issue time after time," she said.

"Obviously one vote can do nothing," she said. "There have to be at least five well-intentioned members there."

But even those who have disagreed with Worden on the committee expressed respect for her independence and willingness to stand up for her views. "Historically, Patricia has been kind of a loner on the committee — which is good," said Doug Delaney, a member elected in 1990.

"I think Patricia has given many years to the town of Arlington, and I wish her well," said Michael Healy, a seven-year veteran.

School superintendent Walter Devine praised Worden as "an independent woman," and said "she's been a strong advocate of quality education."

"I will miss her," Devine said. For her part, Worden said she is leaving the committee with regret. "I would love to do it. I would love to continue," she said.

"I love the hurly-burly. I really will miss it terribly," Worden said. "It's going to be hard for me."

She did not rule out future public service. "I might like to eventually serve in some other capacity, but I don't have any plans right now," she said.

Worden said she hoped new candidates would enter the School Committee race. "I'm just hoping to have a little spark of interest," she said.

Officials clash over NESWC bill

By Deborah Trask
HARTE-HANKS STAFF

Winchester and Arlington officials continue to haggle over the final figures of a \$7 million settlement now past due. Winchester officials raised questions this week about whether that board's decision-making process is flawed.

"No one has ever satisfied me that a vote was taken on this issue," said

Winchester Town Counsel Wade Welch in an interview with the Winchester Star. Welch's statement came in response to a memo given to the selectmen at their Jan. 4 meeting. The memo, from North East Solid Waste Committee (NESWC) acting Executive Director Robert W. Moroney stated, "At today's meeting (Dec. 29), the Executive Committee voted on the method of payment that will be used to calculate each Contract

Community's arbitration settlement amount. MRI will be mailing the invoices shortly."

Winchester officials now feel they were misled by several NESWC board members, including Arlington Town Manager Don Marquis, between the announcement of the settlement in November and the Dec. 29 memo asking for payment. That

NESWC, see page 5A

Man who clubbed Asian convicted

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

A 23-year-old Medford Street man described by a prosecutor as a racist but defended by his lawyer as a victim of alcohol abuse and poor judgment was convicted Monday in a Cambridge court on charges he brutally beat an Asian American man outside a Cambridge bar last year.

John W. Curtin, 23, of 71 Medford Street, pleaded guilty to charges that included assault with intent to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and a civil rights violation.

He pleaded not guilty to a single charge of mayhem.

Middlesex Superior Court Judge Robert A. Barton sentenced Curtin to 10-15 years in the state prison at Cedar Junction in Walpole, along with two concurrent 9-10 year sentences.

According to Curtin's lawyer John Scheft, he may be eligible for parole in six years.

On March 15, 1992, Curtin beat Heung Kook "Kevin" Kim, of Rindge Avenue in Cambridge, with a red motor vehicle wheel lock, called "The Club," about the face and head. The altercation occurred in the parking lot of the Hideaway Pub in Cambridge.

The beating took place after Curtin had confronted Kim inside The Hideaway. Witnesses claimed Curtin used racial epithets in addressing Kim before he attacked him with the metal implement. After the incident, Curtin drove off in a pickup truck, witnesses said.

According to Assistant District Attorney George Murphy, one witness, an employee at the bar, described the attack as similar to hitting a baseball with "the sweet spot" of a bat.

Kim, who lost one tooth and a portion of his gum, was treated for injuries at Mt. Auburn Hospital.

"I would ask you to send a message to Mr. Curtin, the people in this room and to the commonwealth," said

CONVICTION, see page 12A



Carmen Dominguez (left) and her parents, Carlos and Sylvia, in Santiago, Chile in 1990.

A father's emigration and a daughter's return

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Eighteen years ago, Carlos Dominguez learned what it meant to fear for his life.

A former college professor and at one time the chief of foreign exchange for the Ministry of Agriculture in Chile, Dominguez was a prisoner of political change in 1973 in the capital city of Santiago: trapped in his own homeland as Gen. Augusto Pinochet came to power. Pinochet's military government would brutalize the Chileans for more than a decade. Dominguez was jailed and beaten and he lost at least 20 pounds during his incarceration. On three separate occasions, he said, he was told that he would probably be killed.

"I never knew what was going to happen to me from day to day," said Dominguez, interviewed recently at his home on Hazel Terrace. But with the help of his father-in-

law, whom he described as a "personal friend" of Gen. Pinochet, Dominguez was released, and he left immediately with his family for the United States. "I survived, and I was freed," he said.

That was many miles away and a world of political changes ago.

CHILE, see page 12A



POLICE
LOG

ARRESTS

■ Revere police arrested a Revere resident on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 3:30 a.m. for failure to appear in court on breaking and entering charges stemming from an Arlington incident, according to police. Police said the incident happened earlier this year.

■ On Dec. 23 at 1:15 p.m., a 74-year-old Longmeadow Road man was taken into protective custody after he was found in an allegedly intoxicated condition, police said.

■ A 20-year-old Bow St. man was arrested and charged with failure to pay motor vehicle violation fines, according to police. Police said the fines total \$705.

■ Four Arlington youths were taken into protective custody on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 12:30 a.m. after police found them in an allegedly intoxicated condition. According to police, the youths had been creating a disturbance at the Summer St. White Hen Pantry and had broken a railing at the front of the business when they were taken into custody.

■ After a high-speed chase, two Greater Boston men, who reportedly stole more than \$1000 and other items from the Woburn Purity Supreme grocery store, were arrested by Arlington police on Dec. 24 at 2:59 p.m. Arrested were Joseph D'Ambrósio, 37 of Melrose, for armed robbery and possession of a hypodermic needle, and Robert Wilson, 40, of Everett, for armed robbery, failure to stop for a police officer and operating a motor vehicle negligently to endanger lives. Police said a gun was reportedly used in the holdup at the Woburn Purity.

Following pursuit by Lexington police, Arlington police picked up the chase and eventually apprehended both men in the back yard of a Bartlet Ave. residence.

According to police the following was stolen: \$1075 in cash; 12 checks made out to Purity Supreme; a book of stamps; some food stamps; and several lottery tickets.

The two were booked at the Arlington Community Safety building, then returned to Woburn law enforcement officials, police said.

■ Police arrested an Arlington resident at a Mass. Ave. address after he allegedly struck his wife with a vacuum cleaner on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 9:45 p.m., police said. Police charged the man, Daniel Cotter, with assault by means of a dangerous weapon. Police described the vacuum cleaner as a "floor model" and said the man only struck his wife with the cleaner once.

■ On Thursday, Dec. 25 at 1:40 a.m., an Arlington youth was arrested at his Mayflower Road home and charged with assault and battery, police said. According to police, the youth, who apparently had been

drinking, pushed and shoved his mother. A restraining order has been obtained by the woman, police said.

■ A Seabrook, N.H. man was arrested on Dec. 25 on a warrant charging him with verbally threatening his father, an Arlington resident, police said. According to police, the threat charges, filed by the man's father, who resides on Spy Pond Parkway in Arlington, were dropped in Cambridge District Court on Monday, Dec. 28. However, the man's father has obtained a restraining order against his son, police said.

■ A 19-year-old Roxbury resident was arrested on Monday, Dec. 28 at 11 p.m. at the Nashua St. jail in Boston on outstanding Arlington warrants for receiving stolen property, according to police. The warrants charge the man with 21 counts of receiving stolen credit cards and another count of receiving a stolen motor vehicle. The warrants date back to 1991, police said.

■ On Jan. 1 at 10:42 p.m., police returned a 14-year-old girl to her mother at home after she was found in a reportedly intoxicated condition, police said. "the mother was home, so we took her right home," said Police Director John Carroll.

■ On Jan. 3 at 8:50 a.m., a Medford man was arrested by police and charged with motor vehicle violations, police said. The man, stopped at the corner of Grafton St. and Broadway, was charged with driving a motor vehicle without insurance, without a valid operator's license and without valid plates. Driving a Mercedes Benz, the man had attached plates to the car that belonged on his wife's car, police said.

■ On Jan. 3 at 1 p.m., a Trowbridge St. man was arrested for assault and battery, police said. Anthony DiCampo was charged after his wife reported that he hit her in the face with a pie plate. A restraining order issued, police said.

■ On Jan. 3 at 2:25 p.m., police arrested a man at the Mass. Ave. BayBank for trespassing. According to police, the man, who has yet to be identified by district court officials, was found in the foyer of the bank where the automatic teller machine is located. Police said the situation is being handled by district court officials now.

LARCENIES AND
BREAK-INS

■ More than \$3000 worth of personal property was stolen from a garage at a Sunnyside Ave. address, according to police. Among the items stolen on Dec. 23 at 9:30 p.m. were a television, a video cassette recorder and some jewelry, police said.

■ Approximately \$10,000 in silverware was reported missing from a Lancaster Road address on Saturday, Dec. 26 at 2 p.m., police said. A woman at the address reportedly told police she had last seen the 94-piece silverware set sometime in early September. Apparently she had wanted to use the silverware for a holiday dinner, police said.

■ Close to \$200 in cash reportedly was stolen from a Mass. Ave. dry cleaning business on Dec. 26 at 3 p.m.

■ A cashier at a Broadway restaurant reported on Saturday, Dec. 26 at 9:30 p.m. a theft of \$300 in cash, police said. According to police, a man, who had arrived to pick up a pizza, took the money after the cashier opened the register drawer, then ran out the store door. Police said the man apparently did not obtain the pizza he had ordered that evening.

■ A 1987 Dodge Aries was stolen from a Pleasant St. address Dec. 26 around 11 p.m., then later found at 7:25 a.m. on Dec. 27, partially submerged in some water at the Menotomy Roacks Park, police said. The owner of the car, on vacation in New Hampshire, has yet to be contacted, according to police. Police said only a small amount of damage was done to the car.

■ A bag of Chinese food at a Mass. Ave. restaurant was stolen, then dropped by a man after he was yelled at by employees, police said. The food had apparently been ordered via a telephone call, probably by the man who later attempted to steal it, police said. According to police, the bag contained various Chinese cuisine, but no particulars on the carry-out order were available.

A College Ave. man reported a collection of rare U.S. paper currency missing from a drawer in his home on Dec. 29 at 1:38 p.m.

On Dec. 30 between 6:30 and 9:45 p.m., police received reports of two attempted car thefts: one in the rear parking lot of Arlington High School; another at a Mill St. parking lot.

On Dec. 31 at 10:30 a.m., a \$4500 radiator was reported stolen from a Pleasant St. address. According to police, some repair work was being done at the house when the radiator was stolen. A red pickup truck was identified as one of the vehicles at the scene.

On Jan. 1 at 11:11 a.m., a 19-inch Sony color television set and a sony cassette player, valued at \$500, were reported stolen from an Arizona Terrace apartment. Police say a window may have been used to enter and leave the apartment.

MISCELLANEOUS

■ On Monday, Dec. 14, a Fairmont St. woman reported harassment at her home and at work by an Arlington man, police said. The actions were in violation of an existing restraining order, according to police. The woman has since obtained another restraining order, police said.

■ A domestic dispute at a Thorndike St. address on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 5:15 p.m. resulted in a husband having his chest scratched by his wife, police said.

■ According to police, a 22-year-old Reading woman reported being indecently assaulted by a 26-year-old Arlington man on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 11:30 p.m. The alleged incident reportedly took place in a parked car at a Winchester address, police

said. No arrests were made, police said.

■ On Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 4:50 a.m., an Arlington man allegedly exposed himself to a woman at a store on the corner of Mass. Ave. and Lake St., police said. According to police, the man, wearing a coat, approached the window of the store, revealed himself to the woman, then went away. Police said the man was between 19 and 23 years old.

■ An 82-year-old woman told police her 85-year-old husband hit her with his cane on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 2:42 p.m. The case will be further investigated by the state Department of Elder Affairs.

■ A Bow St. woman who had tires slashed and a window smashed on her car on Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 12:56 p.m. may seek complaints in court, police said. According to police, the woman alleges that she knows who did the damage, and she said she may seek complaints for violation of a restraining order and for malicious damage to property.

■ At 4:36 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 26, a Gardner St. resident reported receiving "annoying" telephone calls, according to police. Police said the calls were in violation of an existing restraining order. No further description of the nature of the telephone calls was available from police.

■ On Sunday, Dec. 27 at 2:41 p.m., an alleged assault was reported, police said. According to police, an Oldham Road resident allegedly assaulted a employee of a Cambridge tow business after the employee began to tow one of his cars away. Police said another Oldham Road man told them there were vehicles at the site that were parked illegally and needed to be towed. No arrests were made, but police did arrive at the scene to "restore order," Police Director John Carroll said.

A report of an alleged assault and battery at an Arizona Terrace was received by police. According to police, a woman at the address alleged that a man punched her in the face. The woman was later treated at Symmes Hospital for cuts and scrapes about the head and neck, police said. No arrests were made.

Police received a report of a dispute between two tenants at the Hamilton Road Apartment complex on Jan. 2 at 11:15 a.m. According to police, the dispute was over the volume of some music being played in the complex. "One described it as music, the other described it as noise," Police Director John Carroll said. Police restored order at the scene, Carroll said.

Police received a report of domestic abuse at a Charlton St. address on Jan. 2 at 10:58 p.m. According to police, a woman at that address, who said she was threatened by her husband, may obtain a restraining order against him.

According to police, an abuse petition was filed by a woman at an Albermarle St. address on Jan. 4 around 6 p.m.

Meetings

Monday, Jan. 11

The Board of Assessors Appointing Authority will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Board of Selectmen's hearing room. Following that meeting, selectmen will handle all other business for the evening.
The Conservation Commission will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the first floor planning room in the town hall annex.
The Redevelopment Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the first floor meeting room in town hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

The Park and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the first floor planning room at the town hall annex.
The School Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the sixth floor hearing room at Arlington High School.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

The Affirmative Action Advisory Committee will meet at 6 p.m. in the ground floor conference room at the former Central School.

Thursday, Jan. 21

The Arlington Committee on Disability will meet at 4 p.m. in the first floor meeting room of town hall.

Monday, Jan. 25

The Finance Committee will meet Monday, Jan. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m., and subsequent Mondays and Wednesdays in February at the same time, in the hearing room at the Community Safety Building. Only one meeting, the Feb. 10 meeting, will be held at town hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor hearing room in the town hall.

Nomination deadlines
approaching for candidates

With the Jan. 14 deadline fast approaching, at least three Arlington residents have taken out nomination papers for the March 6 election, the first step towards actual candidacy in the election.

According to records at the town clerk's office, the following people have taken out nomination papers:

Paul Cantrell, for the Board of Assessors (to fill the seat being vacated by Philip Waterman);

Paul Schlichtman, for School Committee;

and John M. McKenna, for Board of Selectmen.

Taking out nomination papers is the first step toward having a candidate's name placed on the ballot. All signatures on the nomination papers must be certified by the Registrars of Voters.

Open seats for
Town Meeting

Over 200 Town Meeting slots may be vacant this year.

According to Town Clerk Ann M. Powers, 203 Town Meeting slots currently will be open for the March 6 townwide election.

According to Powers, however, that number could change, due to Town Meeting member resignations.

All candidates in Precincts 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 19 and 21 whose terms are expiring, currently 35, must give written notification to the town clerk by Monday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m. If no notification is received, nomination must be taken out by Thursday, Jan. 14 and certified by Tuesday, Jan. 19.

All members in those precincts affected by recent precinct redistricting (Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13-18, and 20) must also run for reelection. Twelve members will be elected in each of these precincts,

with the highest four in order of votes received elected to three-year terms, the next four to two-year terms and the last four to one-year terms.

All those Town Meeting members in redrawn precincts who fail to give written notice of their candidacy for reelection must file nomination papers by Tuesday, Jan. 19 with the Registrars of Voters. All nomination papers must be obtained by Thursday, Jan. 14 at 5 p.m.

January 11 is the last day for all Town Meeting members to give written notice to the town clerk indicating their candidacy for reelection, Powers said.

In other news ...

Dogs need to be licensed now

All dog licenses issued during 1992 expired the last day of the year. According to the town clerk's office, those licenses must now be renewed. County regulations mandate that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed annually. All licenses last for a period of one year.

The following fees apply to the licensing of dogs:

male dogs and female dogs, \$11;
neutered male dogs and spayed female dogs, \$7.

A certificate of spaying or neutering and a certificate of anti-rabies vaccination must be shown and will be returned after licensing.

Application must be made at the town clerk's office, town hall, or by mail and addressed to Ann Mahon Powers, Town Clerk, Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave., Arlington, Mass. 02174. The appropriate fee must accompany the application with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Checks should be made payable to TOWN OF ARLINGTON.



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Members of the Ottonson Junior High School Select Chorus sing during the annual holiday celebration at Town Hall.



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ARLINGTON NEWS

Stream polluted by leaking gas

By E.H. Stockstill
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Groundwater from a stream near Pine Street that filters into Mill Brook is contaminated with a petroleum-based product from a nearby fuel station, state and local officials told the Advocate this week.

But the extent of the contamination and the best methods for controlling the pollutants are still uncertain, officials said.

First alerted to the presence of a "strange odor" at a two-family Pine Street home in December, officials last week took action on what has slowly blossomed into a full-blown environmental problem — with flammable fumes filling the house and contaminants seeping into both the subsurface soil and groundwater in the area.

According to officials, the problem in the Pine Street area originated from the Getty gasoline station on Summer Street.

"It has been a trying time," said Manuel Sopas, who owns the two-

family dwelling at 15-17 Pine Street along with his daughter. "The whole house reeked. That could've blown. It could've been a disaster.

"Gas fumes! How many boats have exploded with gas fumes?" he asked rhetorically.

Sopas said at least one small child was living in the ground level apartment of the dwelling.

During last week's work, the cellar of the home was sealed off while fumes were exhausted. Basement windows have remained open to facilitate proper ventilation at the site, Sopas said.

Officials said those living at the dwelling were also periodically evacuated while work was proceeding.

According to Roger Chu, a supervisor at the Woburn-based regional office of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), steps taken last week amount to temporary solutions to a still, unquantified problem.

"We don't know the extent of the infiltration of the groundwater or the subsurface soil. We do know there is

a heavy sheen," he said.

Chu said a non-explosive smoke ejector, borrowed from the local fire department, has been placed in a storm drain near the site to exhaust lingering gas fumes. Absorption booms have also been installed in some manholes in order to capture as much of the petroleum-based sheen as possible, Chu said.

According to Chu, Getty now must hire an environmental consultant and have a detailed assessment of the area completed in order to determine the scope of the contamination and to plot a long-term strategy for the site.

Relief trenches dug underground might help stop further groundwater contamination, if only temporarily, he said.

"It's all in their hands now," Arlington Fire Services Director Robert Casey said about Getty. The fire department, along with local public works officials and other local officials participated in the work. "A lot of people were involved in this," Casey said.

According to Casey, other, smaller bodies of water in the area are also being analyzed for similar contamination.

Said Sen. Robert Havern (D-Arlington): "We need to find a permanent solution to that problem and cure that in the long-term. We want to make sure there is no unsafe situation for anyone in that neighborhood."

Chu indicated, however, that only those houses directly connected to the stream would experience infiltration of gasoline fumes.

According to DEP officials, contamination of soil in the area due to discharges from the Getty station was reported to the state as early as 1989, after underground pipes were changed by the station. Chu said the contamination may have increased because of the change in piping, but he did not elaborate.

Chu also said the DEP only takes action under these sorts of circumstances "if others are not going to."

Accused armed robber to stand trial

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

A 25-year-old Arlington resident will stand trial next week on charges he robbed a Medford Street gift shop at gun point last year.

Richard Nunes of Milbury Street was indicted Dec. 29 last year by a Middlesex County Grand Jury for armed robbery and assault and with a dangerous weapon.

He is currently being held at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute in Concord. Bail was set at \$100,000, or \$10,000 cash.

The trial will begin Jan. 12 in a Cambridge court, with Middlesex

Assistant District Attorney Megan Storing prosecuting the case.

According to Arlington Police Director John Carroll, Nunes is charged with holding up two clerks at the Nevaire Gift Shop at T Medford Street last year on Jan. 22. After allegedly threatening one of the clerks by stating "I'll blow your head off," Nunes took an undisclosed amount of cash from a register and fled on foot from the gift shop, Carroll said.

Carroll said Nunes' gun was described as blue with a long barrel, but no further description was available. Carroll said Nunes had shoved the weapon up his sleeve so that only the barrel was visible during the

incident.

Several days after that incident, Arlington police received a report from Milton law enforcement authorities describing two similar holdups, one in Worcester and one in Milton. With the help of one of the store clerks from Nevaire, Arlington police identified the man involved in the other two incidents as Nunes. At the time of the notification from Milton authorities, Nunes was already jailed in Worcester County because of a similar incident in that area, police said.

Questioned as to why Nunes would act as sporadically as he did throughout the state, Carroll said: "It's hard to say I wouldn't even guess."

Arlington man sentenced for indecent assault

Arlington resident John Irza was sentenced last week to 4-5 years in prison at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute in Concord for indecently assaulting a child, police said. Irza will serve a six-month sentence, with a five-year suspension,

according to police.

On Dec. 4, Irza was found guilty in a Cambridge court of indecent assault and battery, but he was also found not guilty by a jury of both burglary and assault in a dwelling.

All the charges stemmed from an

incident on July 18, 1992, according to police. Police said Irza's victim was someone known to him for some time.

Irza originally was charged with aggravated rape, a court spokeswoman said, but a jury later reduced that charge to indecent assault and battery, according to a court spokeswoman.

According to Police Director John Carroll, Irza's sentence is relatively light.

"It's less severe than it would have been if he had been sentenced to Walpole," said Carroll. "Obviously, when the jury found him not guilty of the two other charges, you would expect a much less severe sentence."

Trial set for man charged with marijuana possession

An Arlington man charged last year with drug possession will stand trial next month, according to police.

Charles Xenos of Arlington was charged on Jan. 29 last year with possession of a class D substance, marijuana, and with possession of that substance within 1000 feet of a

school.

Xenos' trial is slated for Feb. 16. The charges stem from an incident near Arlington High School, police said.

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SENIOR NEWS

ARLINGTON SENIORS ASSOCIATION

Weekly programs

Sponsored by the Arlington Seniors Association, these programs are offered every week at the senior center. To join a class or group, call 646-1000, ext. 4740 or 4743.

Monday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., exercise; 1 to 4 p.m. contract bridge.

Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon, writers' workshop; 10 to 11:15 a.m., beginning line dance with Charlie Kay.

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, informal knitting; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge; 1 to 3 p.m., beano; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., exercise.

Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., square dance lessons; 10 a.m. to noon, senior forum; 1:15 to 2:30 p.m., line dance class.

Friday, 9 to 10:30 a.m., yoga; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge or other games and pool lessons.

Volunteer needed

ASA needs someone who can operate a camcorder to take pictures of special events and programs at the Senior Center.

Cribbage

Cribbage instructions are available on Mondays at 1 p.m.

Senior overnight trips

June 7, eight-day Mackinac Island Grand Hotel Tour. Twelve meals are included in the price of \$949 per person, double occupancy. Visits to

Buffalo, Detroit, Henry Ford Museum, Mackinac Island (Grand Hotel), Frankenmuth Amish Country and Niagara Falls. A \$100 deposit is required by Jan. 13. Cancellation insurance is available. Call Mary at 648-0311.

Adult education classes

Advanced knitting will be taught by Dom Mercurio on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., by Jane Norbert on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and Jean O'Brien on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

New DART Telephone Number

As of Jan. 1 Dial-A-Ride services will be provided by Arlex Taxi Company. Call 648-1000 to make your reservation at least one day in advance. TDD 648-1003.

New Coupon program for Dial-A-Ride

1993 brings a new payment method for DART users. Coupons for Dial-A-Ride services will be on sale at the Council on Aging office or by mail. From Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, riders may pay \$1.25 per ride or use the coupons. After February 28, only 1993 coupons will be accepted. Call 646-1000, ext. 4720 for details.

Special phone number

The COA has a TDD phone for the hearing impaired. Call 648-8130.

Health counseling schedule

The health counseling schedule is

as follows: Thursday, Jan. 7, 1:2-30 p.m. at the COA; Thursday, Jan. 14, 1:2-30 p.m. at the COA; Thursday, Jan. 21, 1:2-30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 27, 9:30-11 a.m. at Retired Men's Club; Thursday, Jan. 28, 1:2-30 p.m. at COA.

Links

The Links program has been funded by W.R. Grace to link seventh and eighth grade students with elders needing yard cleanup, raking of leaves, pet care, etc. Dennis Mercurio is the school student coordinator. All arrangements for doing and monitoring work will be made between senior students and their parents. Interested seniors can call June Brooks, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 646-1000, ext. 4720. Brooks will pass the request to the school coordinator who will match seniors with students if they are available.

Storm cancellations

If Arlington public schools are closed due to inclement weather, Meals-on-Wheels will be cancelled. Listen for announcements on your local radio stations; WBZ, WHDH, WEEI and WMJX.

Shine hours change

COA health benefits counselors will be at the Council on Aging on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to provide free confidential assistance with questions on Medicare, Medicaid, health maintenance organizations, insurance claims forms,

prescription drugs, etc. To make an appointment, call 646-1000, ext. 4720. If you are unable to keep your appointment with SHINE please call the above number to let them know.

Minuteman Home Care Eating Together meal site

Senior Center Luncheon Site, 27 Maple St., Call Site Manager Marge Scott, 646-1000, ext. 4747 for reservations and transportation. Drake Village Site, Hauser Bldg. 37 Drake Village Road: Call Site Manager Marilyn Bruno, at 648-7500, for reservations and transportation. Reservations are necessary. Menus may change without notice. Monday, Jan. 11; liver and onions; Tuesday, Jan. 12, meatloaf/jardiniere; Wednesday, Jan. 13, roast turkey with gravy; Thursday, Jan. 14, chicken quarter; Friday, Jan. 15, meatball sub.

Project Hire

If you are in need of a companion, homemaker or health aide and you live in Arlington or Lexington, contact June Brooks, at Project Hire/COA, at 646-1000, ext. 4720, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 27 Maple St., Arlington.

Social services notes

If certain personal problems have you or a member of your family troubled, don't keep them to yourself. Outreach worker, Diane Tainter, a licensed social worker, can help you with short-term counseling,

nursing and retirement information. For more information, call Tainter, at 646-1000, ext. 4720.

Senior Citizens' Law Project

The Senior Citizens' Law Project of Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services, Inc. provides legal assistance to eligible Arlington Seniors at no charge. Legal assistance is available in the following areas, among others: Social Security, SSI, Medicaid, Medicare, evictions, and nursing home care. Call the intake line: 646-1000, ext. 4720 or ext. 4731. You can also meet with our intake workers, Myrtle Joy, or Bill Hanley at the Arlington Council on Aging.

Meals-on-Wheels

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to the elderly. All it takes is a few hours per month. Call 646-1000, ext. 4720 for more information.

Volunteer opportunities

The Council on Aging is currently recruiting for the Friendly Visitor Program. If you would like to spend an hour or so a week with an Arlington elder, sharing your time and love, call Lynne McCluskey, at 646-1000, ext. 4720.

Robbins Library offers home delivery

If you or someone you know is home-bound call library volunteer Beverly Brinkerhoff at 648-0438.

Hearing screening

The Council on Aging and Symmes Hospital are resuming free hearing screenings on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 1:2-30 p.m. The hearing testing will be conducted by a speech pathologist from the Rehabilitative Services at Symmes Hospital at the COA center on 27 Maple St., Arlington.

Podiatry clinic

The Council on Aging will host the first monthly podiatry clinic on Monday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Daniel Seligman will provide an examination of the feet, nail cutting, and minor treatment of foot ailments for a fee of \$12 for each visit. For an appointment call 646-1000, ext. 4720.

Sunday teas

You are invited to the first of a series of Sunday teas, titled "Explorations in Aging." During this program, those in the "older adult population" will have the opportunity to explore thoughts about aging and how they affect self-image; identify experiences concerning aging; and share some positive aspects of growing older. "Explorations on Aging" will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Youville Hospital. The program is offered as a free community service. Refreshments will be served. Parking is readily available and Youville Hospital is also accessible by public transportation. Call 876-4344, ext. 3360 to register.

HEALTH NOTES



Free hearing tests for children

New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Woburn, will be offering free hearing screenings for all ages on Jan. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Parents concerned about their children's hearing capabilities or speech and language development are requested to call Mari Pat, at the New England Rehabilitation Outpatient Center, at 938-0517.

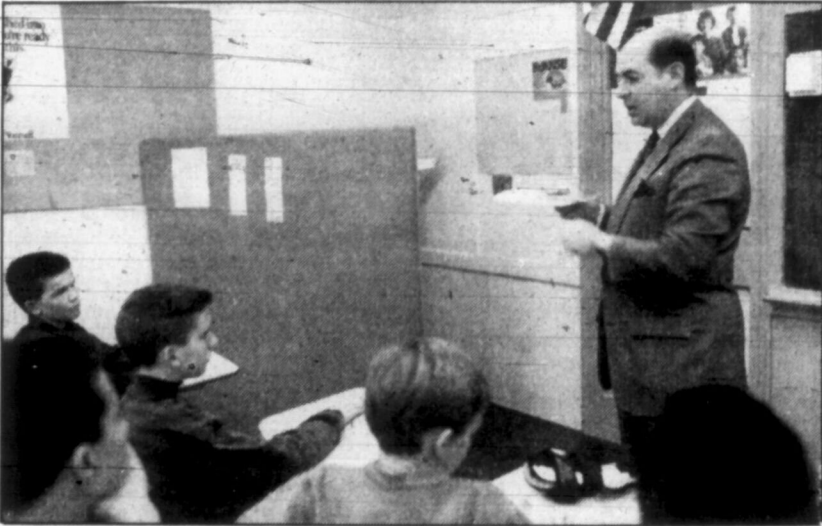
In addition, further evaluation and direction will be offered for those children with hearing problems.

Support for women with cancer

The Women's Community Cancer Project, a nonprofit volunteer organization, announces a free, drop-in support group open to all women who have or have had cancer. Newly diagnosed women are welcome. The group meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m., in The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. For more information, call 354-9888.

Volunteers requested

The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to help cancer patients, their families and the public by answering calls from a toll-free number. Requirements include good listening and telephone skills. General knowledge about cancer is helpful but not required. Training will be provided. Time commitment is three



Local students Kevin Flood, Ryan Siggins, and Brian Doherty were instructed in fitness techniques recently by Dr. John Chaglassian, an orthopedic specialist at Symmes Hospital.

and one-half daytime hours scheduled once per week. The location is Waltham. For more information call, Meryl Golovin at the American Cancer Society, at 890-2460.

Physical therapist offers tips on snow shoveling

As many people were reminded during the early December blizzard, the exertion of shoveling snow can take its toll on the body. A Mount Auburn Hospital physical therapist says proper posture and lifting techniques can help save your back and minimize exertion.

"One of the most common mistakes made is not bending from the hips and knees, but bending from the waist," observes Kim Kiamie, physical therapist and manager of outpatient physical therapy at Mount Auburn. "It results in a tremendous increase in the force on your back

when you are bent over."

Kiamie recommends these tips to prevent back injury — to remember them, think of giving "APPLAUSE" for your spine-saving efforts:

• **Apart** — Stand with your feet at least shoulder width apart.

• **Pivot** — Pivot your feet to turn, don't twist from the waist. (Never bend and twist with the load at the same time.)

• **Plan** — Plan and practice, thinking through how you will place the shovel and lift, and test the weight of the load to see if it is manageable.

• **Legs** — Lift with the legs, by bending at the knees and hips to lower closer to the ground; straighten legs to stand with the shovelful.

• **Approach** — Approach the loaded shovel by holding it close to the body.

• **Up** — Up with the head while lifting to provide support to the back.

• **Stomach** — Tighten stomach muscles while lifting to provide support

to the back.

• **Easy** — Move with easy, controlled movements. Don't throw or jerk the loaded shovel; step close to where you want to dump it, and tip the shovel to empty it.

If possible, push the snow, like a snowplow; this is easier than lifting, Kiamie notes. Remember to keep the head up, stomach tight and knees bent, so the legs do the work.

If snow is wet and heavy, it takes greater effort to lift. Work slowly, take small shovelfuls and take breaks every five to ten minutes, so you don't overtax your body. Finally, Kiamie notes, if you have a history of back problems, you may wish to invest in a weight-lifter's belt. While this won't necessarily prevent injuries, it makes the user aware of improper techniques that could cause strain.

Smoke-free living

There's a way to quit smoking forever. "Freedom From Smoking," offered by Winchester Hospital, is a results-oriented program which provides participants with comprehensive behavior change techniques to help smokers quit entirely. For those who use the patch for smoking cessation, success can double while attending a behavior modification program.

Sponsored by Winchester Hospital and approved by the American Lung Association, "Freedom From Smoking" will be held from Jan. 28 through March 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Winchester Hospital/Health Promotion Center in Woburn.

This program will give participants the "Patch Advantage," for nicotine patch users. Space is limited.

For information, call Winchester Hospital at 756-2220.

New rules for ride discounts

Dial-a-ride, a federally funded, town-operated discount transportation program, offers rides for senior citizens and handicapped persons within the town limits of Arlington.

Any town resident who can document age of at least 60 and retired, or who is physically handicapped, can register for a Dial-a-ride discount card. The annual card fee is \$2. To receive a card, register at the Council on Aging office at the Senior Center, 27 Maple St., Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 3:00. Call to order by mail.

Coupons in books of five or ten can be purchased. While the new coupon system is being phased in riders may continue to pay \$1.25 to the driver. After Feb. 28, only coupons will be accepted by the drivers. Participants may use up to ten rides per month. For more information, call the Council on Aging, at 646-1000. For the hearing impaired, TDD 648-8130.

O'Leary heading for 100th

Dennis O'Leary, a longtime resident of Arlington, plans to celebrate his 100th birthday Jan. 15.

A native of Kenmore, County Kerry, Ireland, O'Leary left his family 75 years ago, came to the United States and settled in Arlington, where he worked for a local contractor.

O'Leary, who has five children, 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, was active at the St. Agnes Church in Arlington for many years before he established his residence at Parkway Manor in Everett in 1984.

Still a "proud Irishman" and a "feisty, bright and witty storyteller," according to family members, O'Leary is looking forward to his birthday celebration, which will be held at Parkway Manor.

CLUB NEWS



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Golden Age club meets

Rev. Guy Steele will speak on "Good time to be getting older," at the Golden Age Meeting on Jan. 7, at the Pleasant Street Congregational Church at 1:30 p.m.

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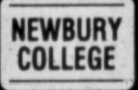


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ARLINGTON NEWS

Officials clash over NESWC bill

NESWC, from page 1A

November arbitration ruling awarded Massachusetts Refusetech Inc. (MRI), which runs the Wheelabrator site, \$7 million in additional revenues to be paid by the 23 members of NESWC.

"I was ripping when I saw this memo (of payment due) because of what everyone had told me," Winchester Town Manager W. Chadwick Maurer told the Star. Maurer said he had been told on several occasions that the allocation for the communities was still open to discussion. Those discussions took place once in a meeting on Nov. 16 and then in a subsequent conference call on Dec. 23 with Don Marquis, Moroney and other NESWC representatives. Maurer said Marquis, who is a NESWC executive board member, said the allocation had not yet been determined. "Marquis told me that Winchester was holding up the bill (for refinancing)," said Maurer. Moroney and the arbiters involved in the case also said, "this has to pass now, and we'll work it out later on."

However, in an interview with Dick Spiers, a member of the

NESWC Executive Board, the Star learned that a vote on the settlement allocation took place at a meeting of the Executive Board on Nov. 19, which is prior to the release of the settlement information on Nov. 25. No vote has been taken by the entire Advisory Board. A meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12 and according to Winchester's NESWC representative Edward Barker, a vote will now be taken at his request.

According to Spiers, the vote that was taken by the Executive Board recommended to the Advisory Board that the formula be based on whichever was larger, actual tonnage or guaranteed annual tonnage. He said therefore there was no vote taken on Dec. 29 as was stated in Moroney's memo and none was necessary.

Winchester owes \$432,822 under one formula using the larger number between actual tonnage shipped to NESWC and the guaranteed annual tonnage, but owes \$11,000 less if the payment formula calculates actual tonnage. Arlington would pay an additional \$30,000 under the formula based on actual tonnage.

"It's a process issue. Why I ask if

this big vote was going to be taken, why weren't the selectmen informed?" asked Welch. Moroney said that the Dec. 29 meeting had been duly posted with the Town Clerk's office. In each community. According to the clerk's office, the meeting notice was received on Dec. 23. Marquis responded, "As far as I'm concerned I distinctly remember that decision being made after the arbitration decision (on Nov. 19). When we made that decision I didn't know it would help Arlington (Arlington pays \$30,000 less with the formula) and hurt Winchester. If he's saying that's the reason people are voting the way they are, he's wrong." Marquis said the executive board knew the settlement was coming but didn't know the actual numbers.

Crediting Sen. Charles Shannon for his work on behalf of the town, Welch said an amendment to Senate Bill 1758, which would allow cities and towns to refinance the NESWC bond, filed by Shannon in late December now mandates that each community accept the allocation of the settlement.

Chief among Maurer's concerns is

the long-ranging impact of the formula. Maurer questions the financial impact of the \$187 million refinancing package and whether NESWC consortium was intended to operate in this manner. "NESWC was created as a loose structure, so that member communities could discuss mutual concerns. It was never intended to deal with some of the issues it's dealing with now," said Maurer. Maurer said since the forced retirement of Frances "Gerry" Hopcroft last spring, "part of the frustration has been there is no full-time director."

"This is a critical issue for Winchester. In terms of financial impact, this costs Winchester \$1 million a year, I think it's great we're focusing on it now," said Maurer.

Welch faults the decision-making process all the way down the line. "The question is what is going on at this point. This is by no means a done deal," said Welch. Welch said if the proposed settlement figures stand then some NESWC members will find that they voted against their own best interest.

Barker said, "The topic was brought up (on Dec. 29), but nobody was asking for a vote." Barker added, "I didn't feel it was that bad for Winchester," since it was all a part of the same \$7 million total.

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Legislators debate school funding

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Arlington's state lawmakers seem to have heard the cry from local school officials all the way up on Beacon Hill: spend public funds on public schools.

But the state Legislature, which voted last month to strike language from the Massachusetts Constitution banning the allocation of such funds to private and church-based schools, apparently did not.

During a Constitutional Convention session last month, legislators voted 103-80 in favor of an amendment supposedly aimed at correcting historical biases rooted in age-old ethnic conflicts.

Proponents of the amendment say the constitutional language prohibiting public funding of private and parochial schools is "anti-Catholic." Amendment opponents maintain that it protects the hard-pressed public coffers from such usages.

The amendment, backed by state Senate President William Bulger, an influential legislative force, will require another vote of approval in 1994 in order to go on the 1994 fall ballot as a voter referendum.

According to Sen. Robert Havern, D-Arlington, who supported the proposed amendment despite criticism from local school officials, Arlington's public schools are not in danger of losing money. Quite the contrary, he said.

"I would suggest that private and parochial schools don't want the money," Havern said in an interview, arguing that both sides appreciate their uniqueness and separateness. "They just don't want it to happen," he said.

Former Rep. Mary Jane Gibson and Rep. Jim Marzilli voted against the measure.

All three lawmakers, however, voted in favor of a further amendment that would have specifically barred a reallocation of public money to private and parochial schools. That proposal was defeated by the convention by a vote of 93-88, with opponents insisting that its language still smacked of anti-Catholicism.

Arlington School Committee members and other local officials, have expressed considerable dismay with the goings-on at the capitol, due to local aid cutbacks and reduced school educational services in recent years.

School Committee members have voiced their concern about such actions at recent public meetings. They charge that support for such a measure seemed to be an alienation of the legislative constituency.

But Havern said he supported the first proposal for a very simple reason.

"To right a historical wrong. I'm with him (Bulger) on that," he said. Havern also admitted that not all religious-affiliated schools are

created equal, which is part of the reason he opposes public funding of parochial schools.

All three Arlington legislators oppose public funding of private and parochial schools.

Said Havern: "How do you distinguish between St. Agnes, which I consider a very reputable school, and the Rev. Sun Young Moon School?"

As to the political games at the state level, state lawmakers say the partnership between the Weld administration and certain legislative factions is amusing.

"That combination is very interesting. There are strange bedfellows in politics," Havern said. "They approach the same issue from a lot of different angles."

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■ Firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following addresses on Sunday, Dec. 20: a Mill St. address at 12:20 a.m.; and an Aberdeen Rd. address at 5:38 p.m.

■ Fire officials conducted an investigation at a Crosby St. address on Dec. 20 at 10:10 p.m.

■ On Monday, Dec. 21, fire officials conducted an investigation at a Mass. Ave. address at 12:11 a.m. At 6:38 p.m. that same day, another investigation, this one at the corner of Adams St. and Mass. Ave., was conducted.

■ Firefighters responded to medical emergencies on Dec. 21 at the following addresses: a Mystic St. address at 1:12 p.m.; and a Mass. Ave. address at 1:26 p.m.

■ On Tuesday, Dec. 22, investigations were conducted by fire officials at the following locations: a Gray St. address at 1:07 a.m.; and a Hamilton Rd. address at 7:53 a.m.

■ Firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following locations on Dec. 22: a Mill St. address at 2:14 p.m.; a Broadway address at 6:58 p.m.; a Harvard St. address at 9:39 p.m.; and a Colonial Village Dr. address at 10:53 p.m.

■ A fire alarm at a Mass. Ave. address was responded to by firefighters on Dec. 22 at 9:26 p.m.

■ Medical emergencies at the following locations were responded to by firefighters on Wednesday, Dec. 23: a Nicod St. address at 5:37 a.m.; an Oakhill Dr. address at 7:23 a.m.; a Mass. Ave. address at 12:43 p.m.; a Winter St. address at 7:49 p.m.; and a Lakehill Ave. address at 10 p.m.

■ Firefighters responded to two fire alarms on Dec. 23: one at a Mass. Ave. address at 10:57 a.m.; another at a Hamilton Rd. address at 1:06 p.m.

■ Fire officials conducted investigations on Dec. 23 at the following locations: a Pine St. address at 11:57 a.m.; another Pine St. address at 12:41 p.m.

■ On Thursday, Dec. 24, firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following locations: a Hathaway Circle address at 12:29 a.m.; a Mill St. address at 5:54 a.m.; a Mass. Ave. address at 8:35 a.m.; a Mary St. address at 3:30 p.m.; a Webcove Rd. address at 4:01 p.m.; and a Walnut St. address at 6:32 p.m.

■ Fire officials investigated a fire alarm problem at a Pleasant St. address on Dec. 24 at 4:07 p.m.

■ At 5:43 p.m., a kitchen fire at a Mass. Ave. address was responded to by firefighters on Dec. 24.

■ Fire officials conducted an investigation at an Alton St. address Dec. 24 at 5:32 p.m.

■ On Friday, Dec. 25, firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following locations: a Hillside Ave. address at 12:59 p.m.; a Virginia Rd. address at 5:20 p.m.; an Elmore St. address at 8:07 p.m.; and a Wright St. address at 9:55 p.m.

■ Fire officials investigated a water leak at a Medford St. address on Dec. 25.

■ There was an investigation by fire officials at a Walnut St. address at 9:25 a.m. on Dec. 25.

■ A kitchen fire at a Richfield Rd. address was responded to on Dec. 25 at 8:01 p.m. by firefighters.

■ Firefighters responded to medical emergencies at a Mount Vernon St. address and a Monument Park address on Saturday, Dec. 26.

■ Firefighters responded to two fires, one at an Inverness Rd. at 6:44 p.m., another at a Rockaway Lane address 7:37 p.m., on Dec. 26.

■ On Sunday, Dec. 27, firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Symmes Hospital at 1:27 a.m.

■ Fire officials responded to medical emergencies on Dec. 27 at the following locations: a Stowcroft Rd. address at 1:39 a.m.; a Brattle Ter. address at 6:10 a.m.; a Warren St. address at 6:17 a.m.; a Jason St. address at 11:17 a.m.; a Webster St. address at 11:33 a.m.; and a Mystic St. address at 7:26 p.m.

■ Two investigations were conducted by fire officials on Dec. 27: one at an Ernest Rd. address at 5:17 p.m.; another at a Newport St. address at 7:12 p.m.

■ On Monday, Dec. 28, fire officials conducted investigations at the following locations: a Mass. Ave. address at 7:27 p.m.; another Mass. Ave. address at 7:02 p.m.; and a Pleasant St. address at 9:30 p.m.

■ Firefighters responded to medical emergencies on Dec. 28 at the following locations: a Wright St. address at 6:45 a.m.; a Mill St. address at 8:55 a.m.; an Appleton St. address at 10:32 a.m.; and the corner of Mass. Ave. and Highland Ave.

■ A fire alarm at a Water St. address was responded to by firefighters on Dec. 28 at 7:44 p.m.

■ On Tuesday, Dec. 29, firefighters responded to medical emergencies at the following locations: a Foxmeadow Lane address at 5:09 a.m.; a Peirce St. address at 7:59 a.m.; a Mass. Ave. address at 9:43 a.m.; a Coral St. address at 10:29 a.m.; a Mass. Ave. address at 2:42 p.m.; and the corner of Gray and Newport Streets at 9:02 p.m.

■ Firefighters responded to a kitchen fire at a Pond Lane address on Dec. 29 at 12:29 p.m. No injuries were reported.

■ An accident on Mass. Ave. was responded to by fire officials on Dec. 29 at 1:21 p.m. Two people reportedly were injured.

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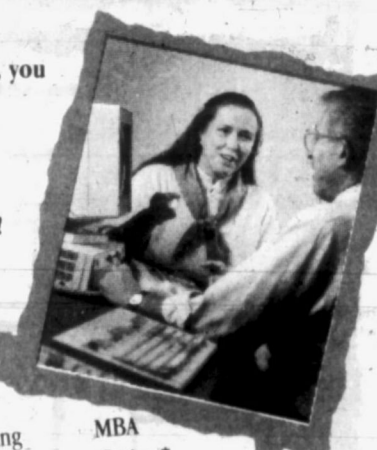
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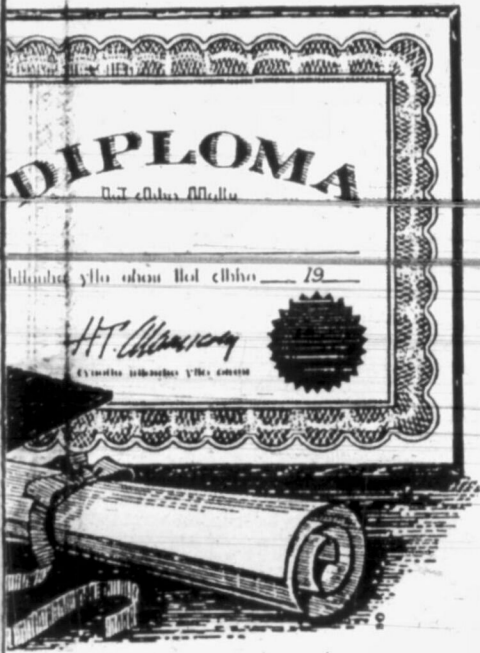
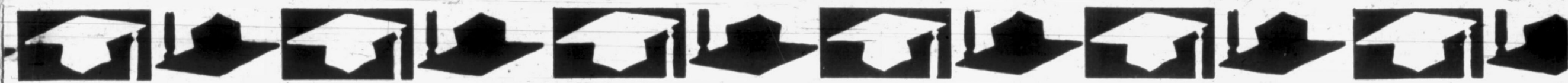
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COMMENT



The Birthplace of "Uncle Sam"

Samuel Wilson

Editorial

New wrinkles and old errors

The framers of American constitutional government would probably be surprised, were they alive today, by the nature of modern-day disputes about the separation of church and state. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, after all, crafted their energetic arguments at a time when colonial governments had, without subtlety, established the Anglican Church as the government's favored institution. State and church were bound together by direct financial contribution.

Two hundred years after Jefferson's and Madison's arguments carried the day, such arrangements are unthinkable. Instead, we argue these days about increasingly fine distinctions: is the separation of church and state threatened by a town-sponsored Nativity scene at Christmas? What if other symbols and icons are included? What if a creche sits for several weeks on public property but no public monies are spent? These are hardly the kind of blatant church-state liaisons that the Founders worried about.

Yet the general political and philosophical arguments that have filled the Arlington air (and our letters column) this holiday season are not trivial. And they are not so far removed from the arguments that animated our ancestors in the day when it was still a radical idea that government ought not establish an official religion, or favor one over the other.

Jefferson's famous phrase was that "a wall of separation" should be erected between the churches and the state. What Americans have argued about ever since, and what we are still arguing about, is what kind of wall? Must the wall be "high and impregnable," as Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black put it in 1948? Or is it impossible and undesirable, as later courts have concluded, to expect a truly complete separation?

The prevailing argument in the courts, as we have reported, suggests that not all religious displays are required to be banished from public life. The Supreme Court ruled in 1984 that when the town of Pawtucket, R.I., included a creche in a Christmas display in a park owned by a non-profit organization, the Constitution had not been violated. The Court ruled in 1989, however, that a Nativity scene installed in a Pennsylvania county courthouse was an unconstitutional promotion of the Christian faith.

What is clear from a reading of the decisions in the two cases is that our learned Supreme Court justices are as vexed by the fine distinctions of the church-state issue as the rest of us.

In considering Arlington's Nativity scene at the center of town, then, what are we to conclude? Should the town decline next year to allow the manger to be installed on public property — even if it is accompanied, as it was this year, by figurines of Santa Claus, snowmen, and toy soldiers?

Heartfelt sentiments in favor of the creche have been expressed by those who yearn for a community in which we at least retain the traditional Christmas celebration in common. But lurking behind these arguments is an unspoken assumption that it is proper for government to foster or "acknowledge," a common religious heritage.

On this point we can find no better source to consult than James Madison himself. Madison argued strenuously in 1784 against a proposal in Virginia's General Assembly to pass a bill "establishing a provision for Teachers of the Christian Religion." What is striking about his argument is that it doesn't rest on legalism — it rests on wisdom. Simply put, it is counterproductive for the state to attempt to support the Christian religion (or any other faith), "for it is known that this Religion both existed and flourished, not only without the support of human laws, but in spite of every opposition from them."

Madison noted that secular attempts to establish or extinguish religious faith tended to produce discord, strife and even bloodshed, but that moderation and harmony resulted from each step the state took away from religious meddling. Almost 40 years after waging this famous battle, Madison wrote of the importance of observing strict separation between church and state, complaining of the practice in Congress of paying chaplains with funds from the Treasury. There were still many who succumbed to "the old error," he wrote, of seeking an alliance between government and religion. "Every new & successful example therefore of a perfect separation between ecclesiastical and civil matters, is of importance. And I have no doubt that every new example, will succeed, as every past one has done, in shewing that religion & Government will both exist in greater purity, the less they are mixed together."

There are perfectly appropriate places for a Christmas Nativity scene at the center of town: on the grounds of a church, or on private property. But as we have seen this year, a creche on town property does little to promote harmony in the community. Constitutionally speaking, it may seem like a small infraction. But if our Founders were here to advise us, and we gave them a few moments to get over being flabbergasted at how far we've come, chances are they would recognize a familiar "old error" in the arguments of those who prefer a little religious devotion mixed into their civic affairs.



The Who, What, Why and Where of it

From the Editor's Desk

DAVE DENISON

Under no circumstance would I presume to put myself on the same stage with Admiral James B. Stockdale, the war hero who was ever so briefly a candidate for the vice presidency last fall, but as I prepare to announce myself to a new audience I can think of no better starting place than with the admiral's famous self-posed questions: "Who am I? Why am I here?"

I have an advantage over Adm. Stockdale in that I don't have to compose the answers within a one-minute time limit under the hot klieg lights.

Still, questions such as those — Who? and Why? — are answered matter-of-factly in newspapers — and not taken up in their full existential complexity. And thank goodness for that. The envelope please. Here are the short answers.

A Midwesterner by birth, a Hoosier by upbringing, I felt called to journalism at an early age and so have followed the journeyman's migrations that seemed to be required by the profession. To Chicago first, then to Michigan, then to Texas, then to Massachusetts and then back to Texas

and once again back to Massachusetts, where I've come to stay for a while, assuming this place will have me.

The Boston-to-Austin axis has worked better for some than for others. Going back and forth between the two places caused me to feel politically bilingual for a while. I was able to discuss the Southwest's financial-political bust of the mid-to-late '80s and switch smoothly to New England's financial-political crisis of the early '90s. The vocabulary differed in its particulars, but the rules of grammar seemed the same.

As was reported last week in the paper, I served as an editor of the Texas Observer while in the sunny Southwest. The Observer is known for many things in Texas, not the least of which is its against-the-odds economic survival, which now has reached 38 years. This is longer than most small publications last. For that matter, it's longer than most big banks last, and banking is a business where people are always handing you money.

We covered as much of Texas as we could at the Observer, paying special attention to politics and government. I can't claim I've seen it all but, having covered the Texas Legislature for five years, I can say I've seen a lot

I'm sure town politics here will have its peculiarities — at least, I hope it will — but I don't think I will be easily shocked.

To round out the resume, I left the Observer in the fall of 1989 for one of those academic fellowships that seems to be granted by the grace of a merciful God. I was given a stipend to attend a local Ivy League university and to better myself with Higher Education. In fact, what I did was spend most of my time on the Other Side of the Charles, where bright young achievers are trained to be the corporate leaders of tomorrow. Attending classes at Harvard's business school was for me a welcome view into the practical world of going concerns.

As a freelance writer in this most recent year, I didn't prove to be a wildly prosperous entrepreneur. We have in this country not just a surplus of journalistic labor, but an oversupply of media product and by-product. The stuff is everywhere. How can the public consume the amount of journalism we are now producing?

Which brings me squarely to the second Stockdaleian question: Why am I here?

The answer is this: I see in the Arlington Advocate the opportunity

to take part in the kind of journalism that still matters to people. This is a newspaper that meets people where they live. The Advocate covers a community that is small enough to really be a community and large enough to be consistently interesting. There is a tradition here that I respect: the newspaper belongs to no one individual nor even to one parent company (except in the legal sense) but to the community as a whole.

This doesn't mean I invite the community to march down to Water St. en masse and take turns occupying the editor's chair. But I welcome the comments, suggestions, submissions, and criticism that, in any event, I know will come our way. I much prefer an active, engaged readership over a somnolent one, not that I think I have much choice in the matter.

At the same time, I hope readers and contributors will respect the editor's need to chart his own course. I consider myself to be an independent journalist, a member of no groups or parties, and with no hidden agenda. My job is to be constantly asking questions and to write about what I learn. I hope the newspaper can consistently tell the truth about what life is like in Arlington. I hope it can be a fun newspaper to read, too.

Letters to the Editor

An open letter to Arlington selectmen

To the editor:

We are writing to express in the strongest possible terms our opposition to the religious display in Arlington center, i.e., the creche in front of the Jefferson Cutter House.

Because no public funds were involved, and the display includes items legally considered secular symbols (e.g., decorated trees and Santa Claus figure), the display probably does not violate the letter of the law. We were told by Mr. Craig Blaze, assistant to the town manager, that the display was reviewed by town counsel. We urge you to pay as much attention to your constituency — portions of which you offend with public religious displays — as you pay to your legal liability.

Because of the overwhelmingly religious nature of the scene, its display on public property violates the spirit of the law. Regardless of your intent, by allowing this you unavoidably give the impression that the town sanctions a particular religion. This overt focus on religion by government is bound to make acutely uncomfortable people who are not followers of your chosen religion, as well as all people who value highly the constitutional separation of church and state. Indeed, the ACLU has received a number of calls about this matter.

On a more practical note in this shopping season, we are not inclined to spend money in a town that purposefully makes us feel excluded. There are plenty of stores in nearby towns whose seasonal displays have

no hint of religion.

On their private property, Arlington residents can display whatever items they like. The use of public property, however, is entrusted to you: you are obligated to represent all residents, and to steer clear of religion. In allowing a religious display on public property, you do not fulfill these obligations.

We hope you remove the creche now and permit only inclusionary, nonreligious public displays in the future.

Ronni Rosenberg, Ph.D.
Mark Friedell, Ph.D.

Separation of church and state in the extreme

To the editor:

Christmas should be outlawed. Every year at this time a few people are outraged at religious symbols on public property, such as the Nativity scene. Separation of church and state is typically cited as the reason, as well as the displays showing intolerance of those with different beliefs.

We should just finish the job of separation of church and state and not do it piecemeal.

Consider how many millions of taxpayer dollars go to local, state and federal employees for taking off these religious holidays. There should be no legal recognition of these private religious celebrations. New Year's is a religious day, as is Thanksgiving; after all, who were the Pilgrims thanking, but God? Certainly Easter is, and of course Christmas. Santa Claus is the representation of a saint. Candles, lights and

trees are all religious symbols. After all, a holiday is a Holy Day and we don't want to impose on those with different beliefs.

We should also exorcise all manner of religion that has permeated the rest of public areas. Our currency should be ridged of "In God we trust." Our elected officials and witnesses at trials should not be swearing to God. "One nation under God" should be stricken from the pledge of allegiance.

The thousands of religious services that are done on public property each day should be prohibited. What services? Burial services in public cemeteries.

Certainly those who feel deeply offended by a manger scene in the town center must be mortified by the thousands of crosses, holy images, and references to God on the headstones in these cemeteries. Shouldn't they be removed too?

Most of us do not realize that church efforts dictate how we mark our events and lives. The very calendar we use was imposed on us by Pope Gregory. More insidious than this, the very year we are in, 1992, is the 1,992nd anniversary of the birth of Christ. It is not 1992 by the Israeli calendar, it is 5764.

We might consider restricting constant references to "Christian" values, such as tolerance and charity to strangers.

We should eliminate from the public domain all religious symbols, celebrations and references; to separate church from state, keeping all religious activities private.

We should be thankful to those vocal few who enlighten us to the offensiveness and thoughtlessness of displays of the manger or menorah.

It is especially timely with the recent loss of the goddess state of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union was such a shining example of the success of removing God and religion from the collective mind. We all remember the tolerance and respect for human rights displayed in that country.

Do any or all of these ideas sound absurd or ridiculous? No more so than did the idea of banning prayer in public schools 50 years ago.

What is it that keeps such a huge, diverse, constantly changing country as the United States on track, with all citizens knowing what "America" represents, even if they cannot put it into words? It is shared values.

Two simple words — shared values.

But to keep America America we need to have values and we need to share them. This has usually been done in the home, school and churches. Every day at school I remember, as do millions of others, having a moment of silence and saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There was nothing sinister or subversive about this; it was an act that was shared by me in Massachusetts with a farm student in a one-room school house in Idaho and an immigrant student in Los Angeles.

Without any values or sharing we are just a bunch of disconnected individuals marking time and looking out for ourselves.

What is America? Where did it come from?

Our country was founded by brave people, coming to a land they did not know, seeking to practice their religious beliefs without the persecution of the state.

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Separation of church and state was meant to keep the state from meddling in church affairs, the church from the state, and to prevent the establishment of just one state sponsored church, like the Church of England. It was not meant to drive religion into the basements and dark corners.

Looking beyond the philosophical question of where did the flowers and animals, in their mysterious, simple complexity come from, religious beliefs have a very practical benefit. If one does not believe God is always watching, will see you when no one else can, and will judge your life, then what is to stop many people on the edge from doing whatever they want to whomever they want? We need not look further than our urban areas.

There are many offensive things; pornography, thoughtless crime, child abuse, hunger and disease—but a newborn child in a crib surrounded by strangers and animals in awe is not one of them.

Let us channel any efforts to remedying the real problems and give those finding hobgoblins behind every tree the scant attention they deserve.

Stephen Blagden
Hutchinson Road

Visit to Russell House

To the editor:

Cheers and congratulations to the ever-loyal Garden Club and Historical Society of Arlington for the pleasure of enjoying a remarkably good visit to the Jason Russell House (c. 1740) of Arlington recently.

How welcome was the fragrance of fresh coffee and hot wassail coming from the refreshment table presided over by Mrs. Edith Martone, long-time member of the Arlington Garden Club.

The Christmas greens throughout this wonderful old house and the tasteful display of ancient toys and dolls enjoying a tea party as they appeared in colonial days. Toy fire engines, cradles and clothing both for adults and for the ancient dolls were shown in all the upper rooms. The display brought smiles to the many visitors and made out-of-town guests envious of Arlington's historic treasures and the wonderful preservation of the town's history.

Mr. Andrew Vorce, well-known to all Arlington, beamed with pleasure and pride at the excellent show put on by the Arlington Garden Club under the direction of Mrs. Belle Fitzpatrick, president.

Congratulations to all and thanks for a wonderful visit to the Jason Russell House.

Mrs. Augustine Bombaci
Elizabeth Bombaci
Medford

Devotion and modesty

To the editor:

When my maternal grandmother passed away in 1974, my mother received many letters of condolences from people who told her how

my grandmother helped them in some way over the years. Most of the time, my mother did not know about these things because my grandmother did not publicize her good works.

Recently, when I accompanied my mother to the Massachusetts General Hospital for a doctor's appointment, my mother suggested to an elderly woman that she join me downstairs for a bite to eat, since their doctor was running three hours late. She whispered to my mother that she had made a large donation to the Salvation Army, as had been her deceased husband's practice, and that she could not afford to buy a sandwich and drink — indeed, she would be eating oatmeal for a month because of her donation. She was on a fixed income.

I mention these two examples, because I was shocked to see that a wealthy Arlington couple would buy an ad in the Advocate, advertising their generosity. To those of you who are not Roman Catholics, devotion to the Madonna is not about seven-course meals, designer dresses, and the like. Devotion to the Madonna also is not about advertising one's good works. The Madonna would sit at a table with elderly women who gave until it hurt to help those less fortunate. The Madonna would feel uncomfortable at a table with women in sequined gowns, eating seven-course meals, who were being incessantly photographed for a four-page ad. Of that I am absolutely certain.

God bless all of you who have given to the various charities this Christmas, especially during this recession. I cannot afford to give you a four-page ad, but I salute you nevertheless.

Anthony L. Bernacchi
Mass. Ave.

Gratitude to those who helped

To the editor:

Words cannot express our thanks and gratitude for all who gave assistance to my husband, Joseph, on Dec. 11 at 11 p.m.

The fire department, paramedics, police and Armstrong — without their help my husband would not have made it.

Also the staff at Symmes Emergency, ICU and the nurses on the second floor Nickerson.

Joseph Fuca and Sons
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Note of appreciation

To the editor:

A "special thanks" to all the employees of Arlington's fire, rescue, police, Department of Community Safety, and also the doctors and nurses of the Symmes Hospital, who came to my assistance quickly and efficiently on Friday, Dec. 18. My family and I are very grateful we have such fine people and facilities in our town.

John S. Rowsell

Letters to the Editor

Issue carries odor of ACLU

To the editor:

When I read the article in the Dec. 23 issue of the Advocate, I hit the roof: "Counsel to seek creche removal from town common." I called the town counsel's office and the town manager's office, exercising my First Amendment right of free speech, and registered my strongest objections to Mr. Maher's decision. I hope that hundreds of Arlington residents who feel as I do will do likewise. The Town Hall telephone number is 646-1000. The operator will connect you with the appropriate office.

What is going on here? On Dec. 17, when the Advocate first covered this minor story, Town Counsel John Maher was quoted as saying that the town's Nativity display outside the Jefferson Cutter House is within acceptable guidelines, or words to that effect, as determined by the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Maher's opinion should have ended the matter. Instead, he now plans to recommend to the Board of Selectmen and the town manager, in January, that the Nativity scene be removed permanently from the town's publicly-owned property. According to the Advocate Mr. Maher assumes that the town manager and the selectmen will approve his recommendation, meaning that a decision has already been made and the January presentation is merely a formality for the public record.

Why has Mr. Maher done an about-face? The Advocate suggests "removing the possibility of any legal action" figured in his decision. Legal action from what quarter? If the display is consistent with recent Supreme Court decisions, as this newspaper stated, then who is to challenge it?

In my opinion this uproar is taking on the unmistakable odor of the American Civil Liberties Union. For the benefit of the uninformed, the ACLU is an extremist organization with a political agenda at odds with the thinking and beliefs of the vast majority of Americans. Under the phony banner of separation of church and state this crowd marches forth intent on rooting out every

vestige of religion and religiously based morality from American public life and public property, including religious symbols like the town's Nativity scene. But the Supreme Court has never taken the position that separation of church and state means the separation of religion from public life. Town Counsel must know this even if the ACLU pretends ignorance of it.

This dispute, then, should never have reached this state. When the complainant appeared before the Board of Selectmen and was informed of the Counsel's opinion, the matter should have been put to rest then and there. End of discussion. Case closed. Instead, we are now facing the shameful spectacle of town officials groveling before intimidation. We expect our public servants to have more backbone. If they are too timid to do what is right instead of what they believe to be politically correct at the moment, they should hand in their resignations, get out of the way, and let somebody with guts get on with the job.

Elizabeth R. Candow
Lafayette Street

The creche should stay

To the editor:

I was deeply disturbed by The Advocate story of Dec. 23 reporting Town Counsel John Maher's decision to recommend removal of the creche from the lawn of the Jefferson Cutter House.

The Advocate reported that the resident asking for the removal of the creche considers the creche a violation of the principle of separation of church and state. I fail to see the logic behind this argument, particularly where the Advocate reported in the same story that the creche display "is consistent with recent Supreme Court decisions."

The foundation of the separation of church and state is to ensure each citizen the right to practice the religious beliefs of their choosing without fear of persecution. Under this principle, the resident who objects to the creche is guaranteed the right to choose not to believe in God, as was stated in the Advocate editorial. Although I do not share his beliefs I respect his right to hold these beliefs

Open letter to the people of Arlington

To the editor:

After careful consideration I have decided not to seek re-election to the school committee.

My major motivation in serving on the school committee has been to benefit the children of Arlington who are the future of our town and our country, and I am grateful to the voters for having had 14 years in office to further this goal.

Frankly, I have been disappointed in the apparent motivation and calibre of recent candidates for the school committee and have decided not to run for the office this year in order to encourage well-motivated citizens to take out nomination papers immediately for my now vacant seat.

Dr. Patricia B. Worden
Jason Street

and I support his right to publicly state his beliefs.

Given the statements attributed to the resident concerning his rights to his beliefs and "personal point of view" I am puzzled as to why he finds the public statement of the beliefs of the Arlingtonians as "offensive."

The Town of Arlington is prevented, and I believe rightfully so, from financially subsidizing the holiday display. I also believe that the town is obligated to protect the rights of its citizens to display the symbols of their religious beliefs in public, including situating such a display on public lands; as long as participation in such a display is open to all faiths.

The complaining resident cites the removal of the display as a victory for individual rights, and is quoted as saying "there's a problem in Arlington. There's definitely a problem." He is correct; there is a problem in Arlington and that problem is the disintegration of the sense of

community in our town.

A community is comprised of people of many different races, religions, and national origins who acknowledge and accept their differences. A community is comprised of individuals who respect the beliefs and opinions of their fellow citizens. A community is not a collection of individuals, each who "can't allow people to intimidate" them and won't allow the other citizens to "hold down" their personal "point of view."

It is my personal desire that the town my children grow up in truly be a community, a place where people of different faiths, races and origins work and play in harmony. I want that town to be Arlington. Let Arlington be the community where people of all faiths are welcome to freely state their beliefs in a public forum, without fear of persecution. Let us not require our residents to put aside their beliefs when they leave

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Rep. Gibson thanks Arlington

To the editor:

In this first paper of the new year, I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" to the people of Arlington for the privilege of representing your interests in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since 1979.

The 26th Middlesex district includes five precincts in East Arlington where my special loyalty lies, but I joined in common cause with Senators Sam Rotondi, Dick Kraus and Bob Havern in working toward the entire town's legislative agenda.

Nothing I worked on these 14 years gave me more satisfaction than the plans for the Minuteman Bikeway in the early years, sponsoring the library reconstruction bill and seeing Arlington receive the first grant the bill authorized, working out a fair rate schedule for lights for Arlington's Little League night games, or working with Arlington's

inimitable Frank Donnelly on issues for the mentally retarded.

All four of my children were born while our family lived on Sagamore Road in the late '50s and early '60s — another reason that Arlington means a lot to us.

From now on our family's home base will be in Eastham, where we have owned a small business for 27 years. I am now studying mediation at the Harvard Program on Negotiation and will continue to advocate for the Failure to Thrive Clinic at Boston City Hospital.

I won't forget East Arlington friends who made it possible for me to serve in the legislature all these years. I will also remember those who, although we differed, were able to disagree with an above board, good natured sense of fair play.

To all the citizens of Arlington, the best of everything in the new year.

Mary Jane Gibson

the animals was "clubbed to death" as the report reads, an offensive and cruel way to have handled that situation. Who did this? The dog officer? Is this the way he treats dogs? Problems like this with wild animals should be handled by authorities who are prepared to euthanize an animal humanely if that is the decision. That was certainly not the case this time.

Paula Kirkwood
Cambridge

A pocketbook returned

To the editor:

This past Sunday night (Dec. 27) I unknowingly dropped my pocketbook out of my car as I was closing my car door. As I reached my destination in Somerville, I realized my loss, and I went back to the site to no avail.

Naturally, I panicked because of the contents in my bag (checkbook, visa, credit cards, keys, money and other important articles).

When I got home and called the police, the doorbell rang. It was a young couple holding my bag. They found it and tried to call me but I am unlisted. I can't express my grati-

tude to this young couple. It made me feel like there are still some wonderful honest people in this world. It was the most wonderful Christmas present I ever got, especially in these times.

Mary Radovich

Quality care for pets

To the editor:

Often these days people are not praised when they perform their jobs in a special way. The group of people who staff Arlington Animal Clinic are such a group. They are always friendly and go out of their way to be helpful. It is obvious how much they truly love animals. My cat was not in good health and had been given excellent care for the last three years by Dr. Springer and the rest of the staff. Two weeks ago my much loved cat became very sick. Even though it was a Sunday, Dr. Fuller drove down from Danvers to care for her. When nothing could be done he gently put her to sleep. I received cards and calls from the clinic offering sympathy. For those of us who have a pet, it is a great comfort to know that such a wonderful place as Arlington Animal Clinic exists. My thanks to all the extraordinary people who staff it.

Elda Leone



Beacon Hill Roll Call



Sen. Hayern



Rep. Marzilli



Rep. Gibson

Beacon Hill Roll Call
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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on two roll calls and local representatives' votes on four roll calls from sessions prior to the Christmas break. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week. The final two days of the 1992 legislative session are Jan. 4 and 5.

HEALTH CARE (H 5800) — Senate 33-4, overrode Governor Weld's veto reduction of \$386,594 (from \$970,196 to \$583,602) in funding for administration of the uncompensated care pool. The pool reimburses hospitals for free care they provide to uninsured patients. The veto also eliminates language earmarking \$185,350 to fund a statewide program of technical assistance to community health centers. Override supporters said the \$386,594 is necessary to administer the program and to help community health centers which are important to many neighborhoods. Opponents said the cut is necessary to balance the budget. The House overrode the veto several weeks ago and therefore the money is now restored. (A Yes vote is for the \$385,594 including \$185,350 for community health centers. A No vote is against it).

Sen. Robert Havern did not vote.

COUNTY COURTHOUSES (H 6232) — Senate 23-11, rejected an amendment exempting the counties of Barnstable, Berkshire, Dukes, Franklin, Hampshire and Nantucket from the provisions of the court reform bill which provides for state takeover of county courthouses. Amendment supporters said many of these counties have done an excellent job of running their courthouses and invested enormous amounts of money in them. They said a blanket takeover by the state is unfair and fiscally irresponsible. Opponents said the amendment will open the door to many other exemptions and argued it is essential that all of the courts be taken over and managed by the state. (A Yes vote is for the amendment exempting the six counties. A No vote is against exempting the six counties).

Havern voted no.

TECHNOLOGY FUND (H 6298) — House 92-47, rejected an economic development package amendment increasing funding for the export finance fund from \$2.75 million to \$9.75 million. Amendment supporters said this provides an additional \$7 million for export financing loan guarantees and will free up some \$44 million in private investment leverage. They argued this will help small and medium sized companies in the export area which is one of growth and job creation. Opponents said the state cannot afford the \$7 million. (A Yes vote is for the additional \$7 million. A No vote is against it).

Rep. Mary Jane Gibson did not vote.
Rep. Jim Marzilli voted no.

TECHNOLOGY (H 6298) — House first approved, 75-63, then rejected, 75-66, an economic development package amendment providing \$30 million for an emerging technology fund. Amendment supporters said this money will leverage new private sector financing to stimulate job creation through the construction of modern manufacturing and other advanced technology facilities. They argued that without the funding, businesses may delay their expansion into manufacturing or locate new facilities in another state. Some opponents said the state simply cannot afford the \$30 million. Others said there are better cost effective ways to help create jobs. (Both roll calls are listed. A Yes vote is for the \$30 million amendment. A No vote is against it).

Gibson did not vote on either roll call.
Marzilli voted yes on the first roll call and no on the second.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION (H 6319) — House 105-34, gave initial approval to a bill restructuring the three-member committee which oversees the deferred compensation/retirement plan for state workers. The bill increases the membership to seven and requires an open bidding process. The committee is currently headed by Republican State Treasurer Joe Malone. Supporters said this bill will open up the process, provide more input and accountability and put an end to the practice of no-bid contracts. Opponents said the bill is a partisan attempt by Democrats to weaken Malone's authority. They said Malone has dramatically improved and diversified the plan which had been poorly run under the previous treasurer. (A Yes vote is for the bill. A No vote is against it).

Gibson voted yes.
Marzilli voted yes.

Letters to the Editor

LETTERS, from page 9A

their homes and houses of worship to enter the public domain. Let us be a community where the goodwill and compassion toward others that we are so often reminded of during the holiday season is practiced by all of us each and every day.

I call on the citizens of Arlington who share my desires to live and raise their children in a true community to join me in supporting the erection of a holiday display at the Jefferson Cutter House again next holiday season. I urge each citizen to contact the town manager, Mr. Marquis, and the members of the board of selectmen and inform them of your opposition to Mr. Maher's recommendation and your support for the holiday display.

Edward J. Campbell

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Also, the following volunteers: Mary Horgan, Anita Lapore, Dorothy Collins, Tom Callan, Rose Coppola, Lois Shannon, Kathleen Donnell, Lisa Bennett, and Sarah Rynnion.

To all families and friends who sent cards, candy, flowers and fruit, we thank you and wish you a happy 1993.

Carole Fagan
Activity Director

Park Avenue Home sends thanks

To the editor:

Park Avenue Nursing, Convalescent and Retirement Home would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for enhancing the holiday festivities of our residents: Covenant School; Brian

Treatment of skunks decried

To the editor:

I was appalled to read in your paper of the horribly inhumane treatment of two suspected rabid skunks fighting each other in an Arlington neighborhood. As a solution to the unproved problem, one of

SCHOOL NEWS



Brady receives award

The Board of Directors and the Executive Board of the Massachusetts School Library Media Association (MSLMA), formerly the Massachusetts Association of Educational Media (MAEM), unanimously nominated Marie T. Brady, media director of the Arlington Public Schools, for the AECT School Library Media Specialist of the Year Award.

Brady has consistently demonstrated her vision and leadership role in integrating educational technologies into the library media program, and throughout the entire school curriculum.

An active member of AECT and MSLMA, she is an enthusiastic advocate of educational technologies and their importance in the educational process and in developing students' lifelong learning skills. On numerous occasions and at many state and national meetings and conferences, she has shared her vision, expertise and experiences with colleagues.

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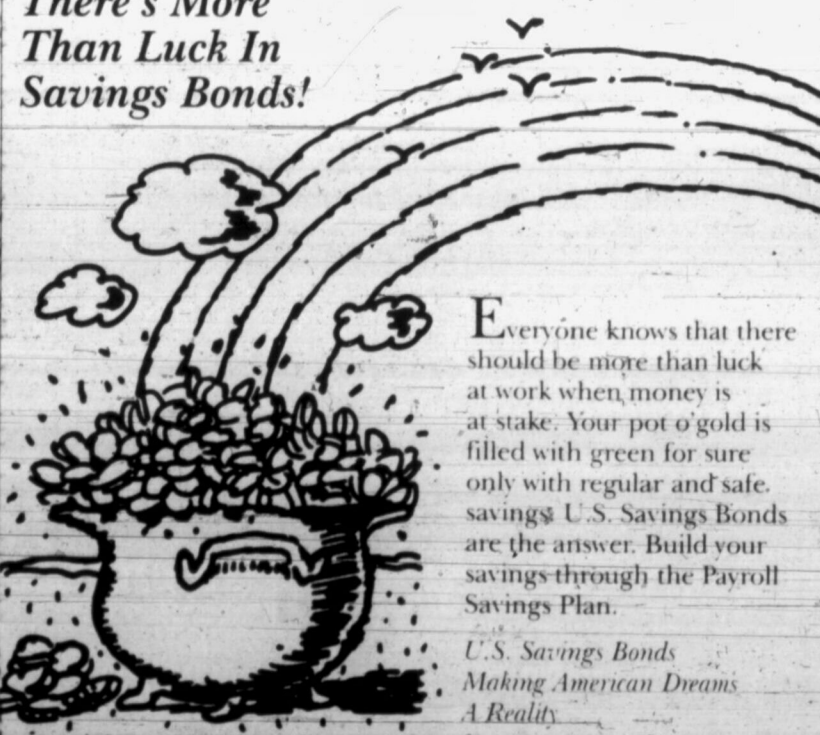
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